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## **City's first annual Service Award winner selected**

The Wilmington City Council awarded the first annual service award to Johnnie Henagan at their meeting Tuesday night. The other nominees were: Rob Zapple, Paul Lawler and Lauren Galleher.

The Council created the award and sought nominations over the last several months. The service award recognizes a citizen who gives significant time and effort to the community by serving on a City Board or Commission. Nominees must be serving on a City of Wilmington Board or Commission in an unpaid capacity; have served on the Board or Commission for at least one year; and must contribute to the overall success of the Board or Commission.

Henagan has served on the City of Wilmington's Planning Commission for 6.5 years. He also served on the city's Board of Adjustment for seven years, acting as the chairman for the last three years. A retired Colonel from the US Army, he worked for the American Red Cross for 32 years, was a co-founder of the local Council of Neighborhood Association (CONA) and has been President of the Sunset Park Neighborhood Association since 1998. Henagan was also instrumental acting as a private citizen in the creation of the city's Land Development Code, Future Land Use Plan, four corridor plans, the Seagate Neighborhood Plan, the Southside Small Area Plan, the Vision 2020 Plan update and the modified Central Business District regulations. He also served on the steering committee for the Cape Fear Historic Byway plan.

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